

# **Georgia Department of Transportation Fact Sheet**

# **US 441**

#### **CORRIDOR FACTS**

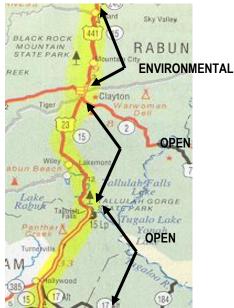
- ◆ The US 441 corridor travels the length of the state beginning at the North Carolina State Line and extending to the Florida State Line.
- ♦ The US 441 corridor is a major north/south transportation artery in the east/central part of Georgia.
- ♦ Completed projects provide **4-lanes** of roadway, usually divided with a 44' wide grass median.
- ◆ The US 441 corridor is approximately 371 miles in length and is the longest of the GRIP corridors.
- ♦ There are approximately **196 miles (53%)** open to traffic or under construction.
- ♦ The current estimated cost to complete the four-lane construction of the US 441 corridor is \$1,361,328,000.

#### PREPARING A HIGHWAY PROJECT FOR CONSTRUCTION

Highway construction demands adherence to an exact project development process, as specified in federal and state laws. This process incorporates a number of key stages that are vital to the development of a highway construction project:

- ♦ Concept Development: Data analysis, conceptual studies and alternatives analysis
- Environmental Approval: Surveys for environmental resources, public meetings and environmental document approval
- Preliminary Design Plans: Design and preparation of preliminary roadway plans and utility coordination
- Right of Way Acquisition: Property title research, right of way plans, property appraisal, purchase of right of way
- ♦ Final Design Plans: Design and preparation of final construction plans and contract documents
- ♦ Let to Contract: Advertise for bids, award to construction contract and begin construction

#### **US 441 CORRIDOR STATUS FROM NORTH CAROLINA TO FLORIDA**

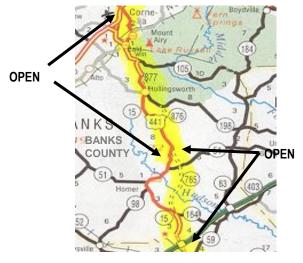


US 441- From the North Carolina line in Rabun County through Hollywood in Habersham County

The first project on the US 441 corridor begins at the North Carolina state line in Rabun County and extends 8.6 miles to the north city limits of Clayton (**Project No. 122090-).** Surveys for environmental resources have been completed and development of the environmental document is underway. Through the city of Clayton the corridor is complete and open to traffic.

The next 10.2 mile long project (Construction Project No. EDS-441(33), P.I. No. 122320-) extends from the south city limits of Clayton to Tallulah Falls in Rabun County. Construction was completed in July 2008 and the roadway is open to traffic.

The next 20.0 miles from Tallulah Falls to SR 365 in Habersham County is in place and open to traffic.



US 441-Between Cornelia in Habersham County and I-85 in Banks County

The corridor is open to traffic from SR 365 at Cornelia in Habersham County to the construction of the Homer Bypass in Banks County.

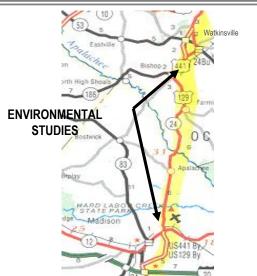
Construction of the Homer Bypass project was completed in December 2004.

The corridor is open to traffic for 8.7 miles from south of the construction of the Homer Bypass in Banks County through the I-85 interchange to south of the city of Commerce in Jackson County.



US 441-Between the Commerce Bypass in Jackson County and Clarke County line

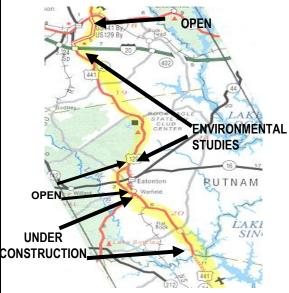
From south of the Commerce Bypass the corridor is complete through Jackson and Clarke Counties and follows the Athens Bypass on the east side of Athens.



US 441-From the Watkinsville Bypass in Oconee County to the Madison Bypass in Morgan County

The corridor is complete south of Athens in Clarke County along US 441 to the Watkinsville Bypass in Oconee County.

From south of the Watkinsville Bypass to north of Madison the concept development is complete. Environmental studies have begun on this 16.6 mile section. (**Project Nos. 122660-, 222560-)** 



US 441-I-20 in Morgan County to Lake Sinclair in Putnam County

The Madison Bypass is complete and open to traffic.

From I-20 at Madison to the north terminus of the Eatonton Bypass (**Project Nos. 222570-, 222580-)**, the environmental studies are underway and are 30% complete on this 17.2 mile long section.

Construction was completed on the Eatonton Bypass in March 2005.

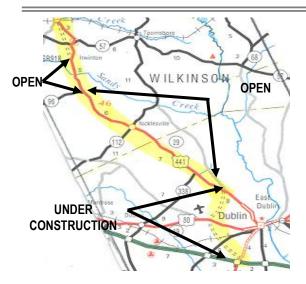
Right-of-way acquisition is complete for the 8.3 mile long project (**Project No. 222470-**) from the Eatonton Bypass to Lake Sinclair. A construction contract was awarded in February 2010.



US 441-From the Millegeville Bypass in Baldwin County through the Irwinton Bypass in Wilkinson County

Construction is complete on the 13.0 mile long section from just north of Lake Sinclair and including the Milledgeville Bypass.

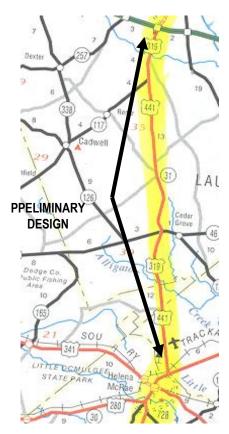
From the Milledgeville Bypass to south of Irwinton, including the Irwinton Bypass, this 18.0 mile long section is complete and open to traffic.



US 441-From the Irwinton Bypass in Wilkinson County to I-16 in Laurens County

US 441 is open to traffic from the Irwinton Bypass to the proposed Dublin Bypass

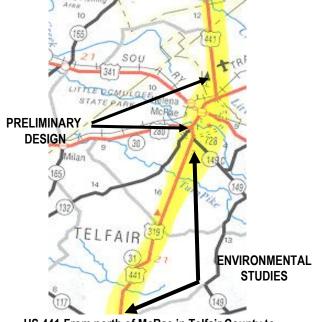
For the 8.7 mile Dublin Bypass (**Project No. 262040-)**., construction began in June 2007 with a scheduled completion date of Summer 2010. The corridor is complete from the intersection with Fire Tower Road to north of I-16.



US 441-From I-16 in Laurens County to McRae in Telfair County

US 441 at the I-16 interchange is complete and open to traffic.

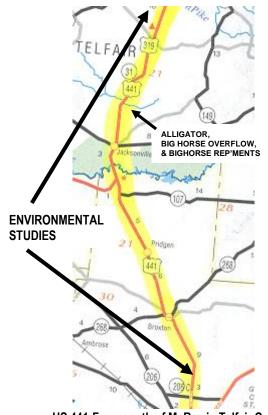
The next group of projects are in the design phase (**Project Nos. 262027-, 262064-, 262061-)** and stretch 28.0 miles from the I-16 interchange to the proposed North McRae Bypass. The environmental document is approved and . Preliminary Design is well underway.



US 441-From north of McRae in Telfair County to south of McRae in Telfair County

Concept development is complete for the North McRae Bypass (Project No. 561470-) from the US441/US280/SR30 intersection in Wheeler County to the proposed South McRae Bypass. Environmental studies were completed in 2001 and preliminary design is underway. In 2003 an updated ecology survey located possible threatened and endangered species within the project limits, so a reevaluation of the environmental document was completed. Preliminary design is underway

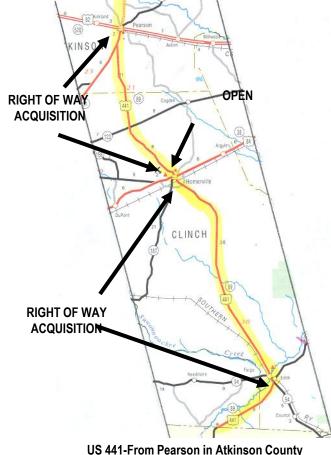
Concept development is complete for the South McRae Bypass (**Project No. 531100-**) from the proposed North McRae Bypass to US 441/SR 31 south of McRae. Environmental studies were completed in 2001 and preliminary design is underway.



US 441-From south of McRae in Telfair County to the City of Douglas in Coffee County

Concept development is complete for the projects (**Project Nos. 522530-**, **522540-**, **421910-**, **421905-**, **421900-**) from the proposed South McRae Bypass in Telfair County to CR 416/ Jardine Road north of Douglas. Environmental studies have begun and are 10% complete. This 38.0 mile section is being studied in one environmental document.

An early project (Construction Project No. BRN-023-2(7)) to replace the bridges at Alligator, Big Horse Overflow, and Big Horse Creeks is being constructed earlier than the adjacent roadway widening projects. Construction was completed in summer 2006.



to the Florida Line in Echols County

From Douglas in Coffee County to Pearson in Atkinson County, the 17.0 mile long section is complete and has four lanes open to traffic.

From the South Georgia Parkway at Pearson in Atkinson County to north of Homerville, there are two projects (**Project Nos. 422390-**, **422380-**) for which environmental studies are complete. Development of right of way plans are approved and acquisition is underway. Construction funding has not been identified.

The improvement of US 441 in downtown Homerville has been combined with the reconstruction of US 84. Construction was completed in summer 2006.

From the south side of Homerville to SR 94/SR 177 just south of Fargo in Clinch County, this 29.0 mile long segment is divided into three projects (**Project Nos. 422420-, 422400-, 422410-)** for which environmental studies and preliminary design are complete. Development of right of way plans is complete and acquisition is underway. The proposed 4-laning of US 441 ends just south of Fargo in Clinch County. The remaining few miles to the Florida State Line are not in project development at this time because the state of Florida does not plan to widen US 441 south of the Georgia state line.